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## Fort Harrison State Park to Host Vietnam Living History Demonstration and Camp July 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

Veterans, families, and the general public are all invited to the second annual Vietnam Experience, a tactical demonstration and encampment at Fort Harrison State Park, on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 4pm each day.

The Vietnam Experience will feature Vietnam era vehicles, weapons, uniforms, music and an open encampment for the public to visit. An indoor display will also be available inside the Park Office. There will be a battle re-enactment for the public on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm on the Sledding Hill.

This event is a unique combination of military tactics and public demonstration of the Vietnam War that the United States fought in Vietnam from 1964 through 1973. The program will feature skirmishes between the opposing forces and an example of a typical US Army field encampment in Vietnam in the late 1960's. This event is a result of a partnership and sponsorship of Fort Harrison State Park and the Museum of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Warfare.

Fort Harrison played a significant role in the Vietnam War through training and support of soldiers through specialized schools from the mid 1960's all through the 1970's. The Fort was also a location for the Vietnam War Deserter Returnee Program in 1975 and 1976.

There is no cost for the program, but the usual IDNR weekend gate fee applies; \$5/car in-state, \$7/car out-of-state. More information on the Vietnam event is available by calling 317-591-0122.